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**VIRGINIA’S BEGINNINGS**

Read pages VA 5-2 through VA 5-7 and answer all of the questions below regarding the passage.

1. What was the name of the first English settlement in North America? What people claimed sovereignty over the land before any Englishmen set foot on the soil? (p. VA 5-2)

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2. Who were the original settlers of Virginia? What was the purpose of their settlement in the newly claimed English settlement in North America? (p. VA 5-2)

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3. What was the basis for the colony of Virginia’s economic survival? Who was the businessman who established the crop at Jamestown circa 1612? (p. VA 5-3)

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4. What was the name of the first representative assembly established in Virginia in the year 1619? Who was eligible to vote for members of the assembly? Who had the most power over the lives of individuals in Virginia? (p. VA 5-3)

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5. Was England very interested in the government in Virginia during the 17th Century? Why, or why not? (p. VA 5-4)

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6. Give at least two (2) reasons for the uprising known as Bacon’s Rebellion of 1676. Was the uprising successful?

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7. What experiences did George Washington have during his youth in Virginia which made him uniquely qualified as a leader? (p. VA 5-5)

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8. What profession did Patrick Henry practice which prepared him to be a member of the House of Burgesses? Why did he speak out against taxes which the British had introduced on the colonies in 1765? What crime was he accused of by some English colonists in Virginia? (p. VA 5-5)

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9. List at least three (3) main accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson. Which great thinkers influenced Jefferson as a political philosopher? (p. VA 5-6)

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10. What peculiar status did Jefferson hold which compromised his beliefs about the role of government in protecting liberties and the basic rights of man? (p. VA 5-6)

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11. What role did members of the House of Burgesses play in encouraging Americans to declare independence from England? Give at least two (2) examples of actions by the House of Burgesses (p. VA 5-6, in both the Timeline section and the passage – “At the Forefront.”)

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12. During the American Revolution, what two important documents were produced by Virginians? (p. VA 5-7)

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13. Who was the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights? (p. VA 5-7)

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14. What style of government was created by the Constitution of Virginia when it was drafted in 1776? (p. VA 5-7)

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